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The merits of the statehood question have seldom been stated more forcibly and tersely than in the following editorial from the DENIGRANCE, ver Republican:

A strong fight will be made at the present session of congress for the admission of the three territories, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma. The opposition of the east is probably not as strong as it was a few years ago when political considerations caused many persons on the Atlantic seaboard to oppose the increase of western strength in the senate. But there remains no small amount of ignorance and prejudice in that quarter which must be overcome in order to secure the passage of the requisite enabling acts.

Justice and the interests of the trans-Missouri region alike demand that these three territories be admitted. They have population enough to maintain state governments, and their people desire to be admitted. This should stop all opposition; for when these two factors are present it is a denial of a fundamental principle to refuse to erect state governments.

The doctrine of the right of self-government is fundamental. Upon it our whole system is founded. But the inhabitants of territories are not independent. They are not a self-governing body. They live in provinces of the federal government and they are completely subject to the will of congress. Congress can destroy the pretence of self-government which is conferred by the establishment of territories. It can do away with the territorial organizations entirely and enact laws on its own account for each of these three communities without their will, consent or approval.

It is only through the erection of state governments that the people of the territories can become independent and self-governing. They have, as loyal American citizens, as much right to govern themselves as the inhabitants of any one of the original states, and it should be denied to them no longer.

The prosperity of the territories under consideration would be greatly promoted by admitting them as states. Capital would flow in more freely and more rapidly through the settlement of new people. The interests of the whole country call for the erection of the proposed states in order that the development of the union as a whole may be more rapid and uniform. The people of the east who oppose admission do so in ignorance of the real conditions or else in a blind prejudice which is without excuse.

Our Denver contemporary most ably rebukes the "ignorance and prejudice" of the opposition to statehood. It is unfortunate that there should be enough ignorance and prejudice in the east concerning the three territories, and Arizona and New Mexico especially, to make it necessary to consider such a factor in the situation. On the other hand it is happily true, however, that the east now understands the conditions in these territories better than ever before, and the opposition thus far manifested is puny in comparison with that which has confronted the statehood movement heretofore. Upon the whole, the outlook is very encouraging, and as this paper has stated repeatedly, success is within reach if our own people will keep up the fight with energy and good nature.

One important and encouraging feature in the friendship of the president. To the New Mexico statehood convention he clearly expressed himself as favoring the admission of the three territories. While it is true that he did not see fit to refer to "statehood" specifically in his message, there is no doubt as to his position, and the broad statesmanlike manner in which he discussed the needs and conditions of the west in the message has directed the friendly attention of the whole country to the west.

The makeup of the senate committee on territories will have an important bearing on the final judgment of the senate on the question of admission. A favorable and strong report from the committee would be supported by vigorous arguments from able senators on the floor. There are now five vacancies in the committee, which probably will not be organized until after the holidays. As soon as the membership is known the people of Arizona should deluge the committee with letters setting forth our claims to statehood. Senator Shoup, the former chairman, is not a member of the present senate. Senator Clarence D. Clarke of Wyoming is a candidate for the chairmanship, and it will be a piece of great good fortune for the territories if that place is conceded to him by the republican majority. Senator Clarke knows a great many of our citizens personally. He was in Phoenix last year and at a banquet tendered to him, Senator Shoup and others, he went on record emphatically as a friend of Arizona and a champion of her claims to a seat in

the union. If he is chairman of the senate committee on territories he can be depended upon to do his best work for Arizona, for he is one of the ablest men in the senate. Such "ignorance and prejudice" as there may be in that body concerning Arizona will receive vast enlightenment from Senator Clarke.

When Joseph Chamberlain, in order to justify the "concentration" methods of the British in South Africa, stated that the English were doing no worse than the Prussians did when they over-ran the French provinces in 1870, he did not dream that he was raising a German storm about his ears which will not entirely cease while he is in public life. For weeks all Germany has been in an uproar, and the newspapers have denied with unbounded indignation that the Prussian troops were guilty of the wanton cruelties against non-combatants such as are charged against the British. True, Mr. Chamberlain has tried to explain that he meant no reflection upon his German neighbors. He did not mean to imply, he says, that the French non-combatants, the French women and children, were mistreated. What he meant to say in his speech was that the British are not guilty of unprovoked warfare; that in concentrating the Boer women and children into camps no inhumanity has been intended, and that he was trying to show that his government is conducting the South African war on a plane commendable like that of the conquerors in the Franco-Prussian war. But his explanation does not allay the Teuton resentment, and many of the German papers are roasting him in a style that would not be unfamiliar in Arizona. The following is a specimen, which is not bad, even in the translated form:

Mr. Chamberlain is a "plous" man—this man with the flat, brutal face and the eyeglass stuck in his eye; he is a tender, honorable soul—he whom history will name with Attilla and Genghis Khan, he who sweeps like a plague over the prosperous land of the Boers and leaves dying whomsoever he may touch with the hem of his garment. The houses lie in ashes—will he scatter them to the winds, as was said of Jerusalem? The cattle are slain—will he poison the wells with their bodies? The women and children are dying by thousands—will he hasten death with powder and shot? Certainly not, for that would be merciful. Will he torture the prisoners with red-hot irons? What cruelty has not taken place? What blackguards who shocked the witnesses do not relate? When the plague sweeps over a land it spares one and forgets another in a merciful way—such mercy is not known by Mr. Chamberlain. But he went to Edinburg and has declared that for all Miss Stone is impudently defiant, but what are we going to do about it? Bulgaria cannot be reached by a punitive land expedition, and her only ports are on the Black Sea. In order to get within bombing distance of Bulgaria an American squadron would have to pass through the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus, which could be done only with Turkey's consent. Unless the sultan of Turkey, Bulgaria's suzerain, can be held responsible and forced to make reparation for the bad behavior of the people beyond the Balkans, there seems to be no way to deal effectively with Bulgarian brigands in or out of office.

Bulgaria's answer to Consul Dickinson's notification that the United States considers the Bulgarian government responsible for the life of Miss Stone is impudently defiant, but what are we going to do about it? Bulgaria cannot be reached by a punitive land expedition, and her only ports are on the Black Sea. In order to get within bombing distance of Bulgaria an American squadron would have to pass through the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus, which could be done only with Turkey's consent. Unless the sultan of Turkey, Bulgaria's suzerain, can be held responsible and forced to make reparation for the bad behavior of the people beyond the Balkans, there seems to be no way to deal effectively with Bulgarian brigands in or out of office.

And now the democratic smut mill at Tucson is directing its fifth against Judge George R. Davis of the First judicial district. It makes the statement that "charges" have been filed at Washington reflecting on the judge's integrity and ability, personal and judicial. Of course, it is a typical Tucson slander. The chances are a thousand to one that not a solitary "charge" has been made against Judge Davis before either the president or the department of justice. But should there be anything of the kind, it is absolutely certain that there is no foundation whatever for it, and that it has its origin with the same outfit that has been systematically slandering every federal official and every aspirant for federal position in Arizona. Judge Davis' record on the bench has received the unanimous endorsement of the bar of the district over which he presides. Not a breath of suspicion has been directed against any of his acts, and few men in the official life of the territory have succeeded so well in satisfying everybody. It was a foregone conclusion, however, that Judge Street, who has just satisfied the authorities at Washington that there was no foundation for the charges against him, would not be the only judge attacked. Sooner or later we may expect to hear that the other judges have been subjected to the same system of slandering by innuendo that is used with such cunning by this discredited and disreputable coterie of mud-slingers. A great many intelligent people in the territory are beginning to wonder whether there is not a settled scheme on the part of a few disreputable democratic politicians to defeat statehood. The democratic leaders of respectability and the democratic masses are, of course, operating loyally with the republicans to obtain statehood. But a few would-be leaders have found that Arizona is "onto" them and will have none of them, and it is in keeping with their methods and low instincts to "get even" by defeating the aspirations of decent citizens for statehood. It seems to be their game to convince everybody at Washington, if it is possible, that Arizona is a criminal colony and unfit for the responsibilities of a state.

Imperfect reports of the purport of the supreme court decision appear to have given rise to misapprehension of its effect at Manila. It affects in no way the tariff at the Philippine end of the line. The validity of that depends upon whether the powers conferred upon the president and exercised by

the commission include authority to impose duties there. The decision in the Porto Rico case leaves no doubt of the power of congress in that respect, but the question whether it may be delegated by implication remains undetermined. It seems to be assumed at Washington that duties collected here upon imports from the Philippines will have to be refunded, and that no more can be collected until congress has taken action. There is no doubt, however, that it can declare that the regular rates of the Dingley tariff shall be hereafter imposed, or that it may provide for special rates as it did for Porto Rico in the Foraker act, which has been distinctly upheld. The situation demands as prompt action upon this subject as circumstances will permit.

It takes ten tons of beet to make a ton of sugar, says the Indianapolis Journal, and ten tons is the yield of an acre. Therefore, to raise as much sugar as the people of this country consumed in 1900 (2,220,000 tons) would require 2,220,000 acres of land. It is admitted that three men or women, largely women in Europe, are needed to cultivate an acre of beets during the growing season. If this estimate is correct, 6,660,000 men and women would be needed to raise the sugar consumed in 1900—a number equal to more than one-eleventh of our population. In view of these figures of experts, it does not seem that the beet sugar interest in this country should be alarmed if the duty on raw sugar should be reduced 25 per cent, since it is not possible that the acres and the men needed to produce the sugar of the country can be diverted from other industries for years to come.

Here are some impressive facts for the anti-vaccinationists. In London, when 420 cases had been reported, up to last Saturday, the rate of mortality among the vaccinated was 20 per cent; among the unvaccinated 60 per cent. All of the twenty-three smallpox patients under five years of age were unvaccinated, and nineteen died. Of these under ten all but one were vaccinated, and twenty-nine out of forty-two died. Of eighty-one children under fifteen years of age fifty-seven were unvaccinated and thirty-eight died; twenty-four were vaccinated and twenty-three of them recovered. Out of fourteen unvaccinated patients over forty years of age twelve died. The disease seems to have taken on a very virulent type in London, judging by the number of deaths.

California was credited with 4,900,000 barrels of petroleum last year, and several good authorities estimate the product of 1901 at 7,000,000 or 7,500,000 barrels. But W. J. Young tells The Engineering and Mining Journal that, in his opinion even the latter figures are much too low. If this development continues long, not merely Texas but Pennsylvania and West Virginia also will be in danger of an eclipse.

A DEDUCTION OF WHISTLER'S.  
The best "Jimmy" Whistler story that I have heard since Mr. Chase's talk on the famous painter last April was told here at a dinner on Wednesday last. Mr. Whistler was a guest at a dinner given by John Sargent, the well-known portrait painter. The little artist dined royally and was very merry. After dinner he asked Sargent if he might be excused while he wrote an important note that had slipped his mind.

"Certainly, certainly," replied Sargent; "you will find ink and writing materials in the small room at the head of the stairs—help yourself."

"Thanks," said Whistler, and disappeared. Presently the other guests were startled by hearing a series of bumps, ending in a heavy thud at the foot of the stairs. Whistler had tripped, lost his balance and fallen in a heap. Sargent rushed out, picked him up and anxiously asked if he was hurt.

"Hurt?" said Whistler, rubbing his head; "well, I'm not dead, if that's what you mean; but tell me, who built those stairs?" Sargent mentioned the name of a builder unknown to Whistler or to fame.

"He did, did he?" said Whistler. "The d—testotal!"—Hartford Courant.

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